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Responsive to the Final Official Action dated April 21, 1997 and the Advisory Action of October 1, 1997, Applicants have amended the application as follows and provide the subsequent remarks. The amendments place the application in condition for allowance. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 65 and 66 without prejudice or admission.

Please amend claim 59 as follows.

- (Twice Amended) A bifurcated prosthesis for use near an **59**.
- anheological bifurcation of a blood vessel into two branched vessels comprising a 2
- bifurcated proximal stent portion adapted to be disposed within said blood vessel, a first 3
- distal stent portion adapted to extend across the bifurcation into one of the branched 4
- vessels, and a second distal stent portion shorter than said first distal stent portion and 5
- configured to be disposed entirely within said blood vessel [adapted to allow blood to 6
- flow from the proximal portion into the other branched vessel], and a graft layer 7
- formed from a bio-compatible fabric disposed in juxtaposition with said bifurcated 8
- stent. 9

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Please add new claim 68 as follows: